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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 826.

Corporal punishments in jails.

*1285 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether corporal punishment is still given in jails; and

(*b*) how many such punishments were given in 1926–27?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Corporal punishments were inflicted in seven cases in 1926. No figures are available for 1927.

Retirement

Age-limit for the retirement of gazetted and non-gazetted officers.

*1286 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. Premayya: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the non-gazetted ministerial officers are allowed to remain in service after 55 years till they reach the 60th year;

(*b*) whether the gazetted officers are not allowed to remain after 55 years; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to issue instructions that the non-gazetted ministerial officers should be made to retire like gazetted officers at the age of 55 years without granting any extension?

A.—(*a*) They may be required to retire at the age of 55, but should ordinarily be retained in service, if they continue efficient up to the age of 60. After 60 they may not be retained, except in very special circumstances and with the sanction of Government.

(*b*) Yes, unless retained on public grounds with the sanction of the Government or of the head of the department, if he is competent to appoint permanently to the post held by the Government servant concerned and the Government servant is under 60.

(*c*) The present rule was made by the Secretary of State and the Government see no reason for modifying it.

Education

Filling up of vacancies in the selection grade of the Subordinate Educational Service.

*1287 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of vacancies there were in both the branches (Deputy Inspectors and School Assistants) of the selection grade of the Subordinate Educational Service since the formation of this cadre about five years ago; and

(*b*) how many of these vacancies were filled up by Muslims and how many by other communities?

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A.—(a) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to the selection grade of Deputy Inspectors and the first grade of School Assistants. There have been 70 vacancies in both the cadres since the introduction of the time-scales of pay.

(b) Of the above vacancies 6 were filled by Muslims, 61 by members of other communities and 3 have been left unfilled under the orders of Government.

Number of Muslims getting Rs. 150 in the selection grade of the Subordinate Educational Service.

*1288 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan: Will the hon the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the number of fully qualified Muslims who are drawing a salary of Rs. 150 and the period of time for which they have been drawing that pay without getting into the selection grade?

A.—It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to Muhammadan officers in the cadres of Deputy Inspectors of Schools and School Assistants. There are 13 Muhammadan officers in the above two cadres who are now drawing Rs. 150, four of whom are fully qualified for promotion to the selection grade. Of these four, three have been drawing Rs. 150 for over four years and one for over three years.

Facilities for trained graduates to appear for the B.Ed. Examination.

*1289 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Andhra University has afforded facilities to trained graduates now in service to appear for the B.Ed. Examination privately;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction is insisting upon trained graduates in service to undergo regular training in a college and become graduates in education; and

(c) if the answers to (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will exempt them from regular training in a college in view of the facilities afforded by the Andhra University?

A.—(a) & (b) It is presumed that by the term 'trained graduates' the hon. Member refers to teachers who at first underwent lower grade training and who subsequently passed the B.A. Degree examination. If this presumption is correct, the answer to clauses (a) and (b) is in the affirmative.

(c) The Government see no reason to interfere with the discretion vested in the Director of Public Instruction in the matter.

Alleged ineligibility of secondary-grade trained teachers for promotion to the senior grade.

*1290 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether only L.T.'s are considered eligible for promotion to the senior grades of the Deputy Inspectorate;